

ELM PLACE SCHOOL NEEDS MORE REVENUE TO MEET EXPENSES

SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

New Law Now in Effect Provides That the Levy of Taxes May Be Raised From Three to Four Per Cent by Majority Vote. Polling Place at the School.

The Board of Education of District 107 wishes to place before the voters the facts that it is confronted with, owing to the rise in the cost of everything necessary for the running of the school. This in itself would be not insurmountable were it not for the fact that to this date revenue has been fixed and the ceaseless rise in the cost of everything has produced a deficit for the last two years.

There are two ways of overcoming the difficulty. The first and intelligent way is by vote of the people to avail themselves of the privileges of the new law now in effect which provides that the levy of taxes be raised from three to four per cent. The division of this tax money into parts—one per cent for building fund and three per cent for educational fund—would give our school fourteen thousand dollars more than at present and would allow all of the present system to operate and leave a substantial balance to accumulate for future building needs, which, too, can not be overlooked. The school is constantly growing. We have already some crowded classrooms at Elm Place, and the time is not far distant when our fine Green Bay Road site must be made available for active work.

The second way to meet this difficulty means a retrograde step and while it would accomplish the purpose it would not be right. This would be to eliminate altogether such departments as the kindergarten, French, manual training, domestic science, and music. By so doing the cost of operation would be decreased sufficiently to meet the increased cost of maintaining a staff of efficient teachers such as this school has. Our school patrons surely do not wish to make such a sacrifice as the elimination of these departments would involve. Then, too, our teachers must live and to give them that chance they must be paid enough for that purpose, and not only that, we must pay them salaries that compare favorably with those paid in neighboring districts. If the district is to have good schools, it must have good teachers and good teachers must be paid fair amounts.

Similar conditions are confronting every school district in Illinois where schools of a high grade are maintained, and the new law, previously mentioned is being brought in to give the needed relief. Within the last three weeks the voters of Glenwood, LaGrange, River Forest, and Waukegan have by practically unanimous vote availed themselves of the provisions of this law. We should do that here without delay in order to maintain all of our present school activities and make wise provision for the future. We earnestly hope that at the election especially called for Saturday, May 17, every voter in District 107 will manifest the interest necessary to vote for the increased school revenue. The polls will be open from two until five-thirty P. M. Women as well as men are entitled to vote.

The Board of Education, District 107. E. B. METZEL, President. FRED GREENSLADE, Sec'y. ELIZABETH B. MILLARD. EDNA G. GREENE. GEORGE R. JONES. W. D. MANN. S. A. ST. PETER.

A MEMORABLE PROGRAM AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

Oliver Hinsdell Read and Miss Ruth Helms Sang; Last Saturday Evening

The program given at the Lincoln School last Saturday evening was one of the choicest ever presented there; the audience, though small, was responsive and unanimous in its expressions of appreciation. Although it was advertised as a Parent-Teacher meeting, the community is really indebted to Miss Ruth Ewing for the pleasure of it. The artists were her friends; the ferns and palms which made a bower of the little stage were her touches.

At 8:15 Mr. Clark G. Wright introduced Mr. Oliver Hinsdell as an actor of experience, a one time faculty member of the Northwestern University School of Oratory, and more recently a member of the United States Navy. Mr. Hinsdell read "The Will," by M. Barrie. One wished that Barrie himself might have heard the reading. Nothing of the far-reaching significance of the play was lost to this artistic interpreter, nor was the attentive audience permitted to lose anything. Even the children caught the delicate humor relieving the tragedy of the leading situation.

Following this reading, Miss Ruth Ewing Helms sang a group of English songs. They were bright and cheery affording agreeable relaxation from the tension of a half hour's absorbed listening to the play. The singer was youthful and pleasing, her voice sweet and colorful. The latter part of the program consisted of the reading by Mr. Hinsdell of several short poems. This he prefaced by saying: "They are about people one might encounter in walking down a crowded city street." "The Old Apple Woman" and "An Italian Ditch Digger" were two with the appeal universal.

The program attuned everyone to a friendly frame of mind and at its conclusion nearly all lingered to chat with one another and the artists.

Mothers' Day

It is Mothers' Day again. Once more the Sunday morning bells are ringing. People wear the white carnation as they did a year ago. The same May sunshine touches up the quiet scene of those who, in unhurried leisure, move along the peaceful streets to church. One woman in particular went forth a year ago to seek what grace she might in the house of prayer. Her son was at the battle-front. His great strong body and intrepid soul—a piece and pattern of her very own—helped to form that barricade of young blood and brave hearts which stood against the foe. She moved subdued and brave—discharging her silent duty her country,—the duty of inactivity, of waiting, that duty which is all unthought, with glory, unrecompensed by medals, and rewards. She walked that path; for she is the substance out of which heroes are made, the whole that must ever be greater than its part, a member of the great silent corps of this nation.

That day which has been set aside for mothers, rolls round again. And since they last wore white carnations on this quiet street, great deeds have rolled up mountain-high to shape themselves in history which reads more fabulous than tales of the Arabian Knights, and from out whose travail, personal pain, dark moments, victory, like all things else, was born.

Once more this Mothers' Day dawns bright with sunshine, birds, and bells, while myriads of new-born leaves, like close-locked baby hands unfurl their moistened sweetness on the air. That mother passes along the street as she did one year ago, but now a man walks by her side—a strong young man who was not there a year ago. Broad are his shoulders, and mighty his stride, and he measures six feet two. Just home two days, we knew it, with that uniform of tan—with bars and chevrons, medal too in all their brave array. But one thing stands out in fresh relief against the grime of his battle gear. Just a single carnation flower as white as milk worn far more proudly than the medal on his breast: And she who walks beside him is his mother, no mistake, and he has just returned from overseas,—so much is just plain reading in the smile on that woman's face. Every person on those quiet Sabbath streets, kept peaceful by his soldier hand and heart, knows this and smiles. A pair of strolling lovers, holding hands in broad day-light, would not occasion half so great a stir as this same mother and her soldier son, returned. God kept her smiling. It is Mothers' Day!

OSSOLI CLUB ENDORSES WOMEN'S TRAINING CORPS

SIX-WEEK CAMP PLANNED AT WAUKEGAN SATURDAY Will Also Be Tribute to Returned Soldiers and Sailors and to Heroic Men of the 149th F. A.

The Ossoli Club, at the board meeting held Friday, endorsed the movement of the United States Training Corps for Women.

For the first time in history—all history, perhaps, certainly the history of this country, the United States Government has taken a splendid revolutionary interest in the health and well-being of its women workers. A bill drawn by the War Department asks for the appropriation of equipment for 5,000 to be used by the United States Training Corps for Women in the vacation camps in different parts of the country.

They are not asking Congress in this time of reconstruction to spend any money, that will come later, when the government is freed from some of its tremendous war obligations, but as stated above, the War Department, authorized by Congress to do so, is turning over equipment for 5,000 women, including tents, cots, blankets, etc., and they want to pitch these camps on government ground. Although this is a big and unprecedented step for it to take, they are wondering if the War Department could do anything better in peace time than to turn over what they can spare of this equipment to the women of America.

HIGHWOOD ENTERTAINS RETURNED SOLDIERS

Of the 100 in Service 48 Have Returned. Supper at Sant's, Entertainment at Oak Terrace

The returned soldiers of Highwood, numbering forty-five, were given a reception by the citizens of Highwood last Saturday evening. Supper was served in Sant's Hall at six o'clock. At eight o'clock an entertainment at the Oak Terrace school was held at which Mayor Meyers, Mr. E. S. Gail and Mr. John Hotze spoke. Certificates of appreciation were given to each of the returned men and the parents of the boys who have not returned received certificates of condolence.

Following the entertainment dancing was enjoyed. For a city of Highwood's size, the percentage of men in service averages about the same as that of a larger city. The number of men who have been in service is ninety-six and, about half of that number have returned home.

EDWARD MARONEY GETS MARSHAL APPOINTMENT

Fills Vacancy Made by the Resignation of John Grant, John Sheahan Assistant Marshal

At the last Council meeting held on Friday, April 25, the following appointments in the police department were made owing to the resignation of Marshal John Grant from the force. Mr. Edward Maroney was appointed Marshal to succeed Mr. Grant and Mr. John Sheahan was appointed assistant Marshal.

LAKE COUNTY TO HAVE VICTORY LOAN PARADE

As a tribute to the success for the Liberty Loan which ends Saturday, Lake County is going to have the greatest demonstration, in the form of a parade, which will be put on in the County Seat, Waukegan, that has ever been attempted. They are also going to pay tribute to the returned soldiers and sailors and to the heroic men of the 149th Field Artillery or Kelly's Bucks. This parade is to show the agitators of Bolsheviki that the real American will not stand for any display of Red Propaganda; it will demonstrate that Lake County is full of real red blooded American people.

The parade is to start in Waukegan at 2 p. m. Saturday, May 10, and all men and women that are going to be in line should be in Waukegan at 1 p. m. at Utica and Water Sts. right of line to form at N. W. corner of Clayton and Utica Sts. facing north.

Admiral Bassett of the Great Lakes and his staff, together with Col. A. V. Smith, who was second in command of the famous 149th, together with the county officials will be in the reviewing stand. There will be a naval band and 1000 men from Gt. Lakes, a company of wounded Marines from the naval hospital, the reserve militia companies, from the different towns of the county, the different high schools will send their cadets together with their bands, the boy scouts will be well represented and last but not least the re-

WAUKEGAN WELCOMES RETURN OF WAR HERO

Lieut. Colonel A. V. Smith, Second in Command of 149th F. A. Is Back Home

Waukegan had the greatest Star Spangled Banner night in its history last Monday night. The occasion was a welcome home demonstration in honor of Waukegan's greatest soldier—Lieutenant Colonel Ashbel V. Smith, second in command of the 149th Field Artillery.

While the celebration was impromptu, it was marked with a zip and a zing, a roar of cheering, a crash of bands and a gathering of huge crowds that set a record and will long be remembered. The colonel was honored as few men in the history of this city have been honored.

CITIZENS FROM SOUTH END WANT WIDER APPROACH TO DEPOT

WOULD CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FRANCHISE

An Open Letter to the Press Points Out Congested Situation Surrounding Ravinia Station Which They Believe Should Be Adjusted Before Voting on C. N. S. & M. Franchise.

Editor, Highland Park Press, Highland Park, Illinois. Dear Sir:—

In your issue of April 24th, you quote Mayor Hastings as saying: "The franchise of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Electric Railroad expired during our administration, and a committee appointed by the Council to negotiate for a new franchise has recently submitted an ordinance which with the exception of one or two minor details has been approved and is acceptable to both the Council and the officials of the Electric Road. The franchise ordinance will be submitted to the vote of the people in the near future."

Last winter the "Milwaukee Electric" submitted to our Mayor and Commissioners a plat showing how they propose to handle the depot situation at the Ravinia Station. Based on this plat, it is proposed to move the tracks of the "Milwaukee Electric" eleven feet east of where they now are, so that in the new location they will be about fifty feet from the Chicago & Northwestern tracks. At the present time the "Milwaukee Electric" and Chicago & Northwestern tracks at Ravinia are about forty feet apart. There is no room to drive up to the platforms of the Chicago & Northwestern from the east and the addition of eleven feet would be nowhere near sufficient. (It is interesting to note that the two sets of track are over 100 feet apart at Central Avenue.)

Then it is proposed to run "Milwaukee Electric" cars past the Chicago & Northwestern Ravinia Depot at high speed; gates have already been installed at Roger Williams Avenue and under the proposed franchise a fence paralleling the "Milwaukee Electric" tracks on the east will no doubt be constructed. Passengers wishing to take Chicago & Northwestern trains at Ravinia will therefore be unable to get up to the Chicago & Northwestern station when cars on the "Milwaukee Electric" are passing or about to pass. This will result in being cut off from the Chicago & Northwestern Depot for periods of several minutes at a time.

The "Milwaukee Electric" is now operating along South St. Johns Avenue as it passes the Ravinia Depot. That street was on the map before the "Milwaukee Electric" was heard of and it was planned to serve as an approach to the Chicago & Northwestern Depot. The "Milwaukee Electric" obtained franchises through Highland Park as a street railway (not as a railroad) and their rights in St. Johns Avenue in front of the Ravinia Depot were in common with the public, and they have never had, nor have they now, any right to exclude the public from that part of St. Johns Avenue occupied by their tracks. We do not say that the present management of the "Milwaukee Electric" is responsible for initiating this condition, but we know that they wish to legalize and perpetuate it in the new franchise.

The people of Highland Park should have vision enough to see that there will be a tremendous influx of population to the North Shore during the next few years and that mistakes made now will be difficult, if not impossible, to remedy later. If a franchise is "to be submitted to a vote of the people in the near future," as the Mayor is quoted as saying, it should first be discussed with citizens who may wish to be heard. Manifestly it would be unfair to put the matter to a vote until this has been done. No doubt this is the Mayor's intention.

Everyone wants to be fair and liberal with the "Milwaukee Electric." We recognize that they are here and that they are going to remain, also that they are a benefit to the North Shore, but we cannot allow them to obstruct or render unsafe and inconvenient the streets and approaches to the Depot of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Respectfully yours, COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS FROM SOUTHERN HIGHLAND PARK.

FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE WITH GLORIA SWANSON

Cecil B. De Mille's Great Production to be Shown Saturday and Sunday at Pearl Theatre

Pearl Theatre will present the following pictures next week: Sunday, Charles Ray in "The Sheriff's Son," Famous Players Pictograph, also Fox comedy, Monday, Bert Lyell in "Blind Man's Eyes," Celebrated news and Pathe comedy; Tuesday, Constance Talmadge in "Scandal," now playing at the Garrick Theatre, "The Lightning Raider," and Mutual comedy; Wednesday, May Allison in "Peggy Does Her Darndest," Pathe news and Bee Hive cartoon; Thursday, Dorothy Gish in "Peppy Polly," Pathe News and Universal Comedy; Friday, Dorothy Dalton in "Extravagance," "The Lure of the Circus," Mutt and Jeff; Saturday and Sunday, Cecil B. De Mille presents his great production, "For Better, For Worse," featuring Gloria Swanson, Burton Holmes Travelogue, Sunshine Comedy. Matinee at 2:30.

N. A. WINK INCORPORATES AS NECTAR BEVERAGE CO.

N. A. Wink announces the incorporation of his soda and mineral water business which will hereafter be conducted under the name "Nectar Beverage Co." An analysis of their artesian drinking water by Guilek-Henderson Co., Chemists, on May 1, shows that they have a perfect drinking water which is ideal for carbonating and is free from any injurious elements. Mr. Wink states that large contracts have been secured by them for supplying loop of-

MRS. ELISHA GRAY PASSES AWAY LAST FRIDAY

Had Been a Resident of Highland Park for Over Forty-eight Years

Delia Shepard Gray, widow of Elisha Gray, died at her residence, 359 Hazel Ave., on Friday, May 2, 1919. The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon. Dr. M. Bross Thomas of Lake Forest and Rev. Frank Pitt of this city officiated. Mrs. Gray was born in New York City June 4, 1839, and at an early age moved to Oberlin, Ohio. On January 1, 1862, she married Elisha Gray, then a student at Oberlin College, and after a few years residence in Cleveland and Chicago they came to Highland Park where they built the home on Hazel Ave., in 1871. Mrs. Gray was one of the oldest members of the Presbyterian church, a charter member of the Ossoli Club and, until a few years ago, active in all civic and social interests of Highland Park. She was the mother of Mrs. William C. Stubbs and Mrs. Charles F. Everett of this city, Edward Gray of Plano, Ill., and David E. Gray of Corning, N. Y.

THEOSOPHY LECTURE AT WITTEN HALL

Elsewhere in this issue appears an announcement of a lecture on Theosophy entitled, "Theosophy and the Man of Tomorrow," to be given by Julia K. Sommer, B. S., in Witten Hall, Sunday afternoon, May 11, at three o'clock. Men and women in U. S. uniform are particularly invited. No admission will be charged.

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